

110TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. RES. 292

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that schools should celebrate National Garden Month through a curriculum that includes outdoor learning.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 29, 2007

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio (for herself, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Ms. FOXX, and Mr. PRICE of Georgia) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

RESOLUTION

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Whereas individuals in the United States desire a healthy environment for the future;

Whereas teaching children to appreciate, respect, and protect the environment will have long-term benefits because children are the next generation of environmental stewards;

Whereas greater exposure to nature through outdoor learning and play is recognized as essential to the physical, emotional, and mental development and health of children;

Whereas gardening exposes children to the outdoors while increasing their knowledge of plant cultivation and soil ecosystems;

Whereas research has shown that gardening positively impacts not only environmental attitudes, but also nutritional attitudes, interpersonal skills, and self-esteem; and

Whereas the National Gardening Association recognizes April as National Garden Month: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
2 resentatives that schools throughout the United States
3 should celebrate National Garden Month through a cur-
4 riculum that includes outdoor learning through gardening.

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